



## Beta G-Star Relation on Modules

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**Abstract.** In this work, we say submodules  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $M$  are  $\beta_g^*$  equivalence,  $X\beta_g^*Y$ , if and only if  $Y + K = M$  for every  $K \leq M$  such that  $X + K = M$  and  $X + T = M$  for every  $T \leq M$  such that  $Y + T = M$ . It is proved that the  $\beta_g^*$  relation is an equivalent relation and has good behaviour with respect to addition of submodules and homomorphisms.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper all rings will be associative with identity and all modules will be unital left modules.

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. We will denote a submodule  $N$  of  $M$  by  $N \leq M$ . Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N \leq M$ . If  $M = N + L$  for every submodule  $L$  of  $M$  such that  $M = N + L$ , then  $N$  is called a small submodule of  $M$  and denoted by  $N \ll M$ . Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $N \leq M$ .  $N$  is called essential submodule of  $M$  and denoted by  $N \leq M$  in case  $K \cap N \neq 0$  for every submodule  $K \neq 0$ . Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $K$  be a submodule of  $M$ .  $K$  is called a generalized small (briefly, g-small) submodule of  $M$  if for every essential submodule  $T$  of  $M$  with the property  $M = K + T$  implies that  $T = M$ , then we write  $K \ll_g M$ . (in [11], it is called an e-small submodule of  $M$  and denoted by  $K \ll_e M$ ). It is clear that every small submodule is a generalized small submodule but the converse is not true generally.  $M$  is called a (generalized) hollow module if every proper submodule of  $M$  is (generalized) small in  $M$ . Here it is clear that every hollow module is generalized hollow module. Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $U, V \leq M$ . If  $M = U + V$  and  $V$  is minimal with respect to this property, or equivalently,  $M = U + V$  and  $U \cap V \ll V$ , then  $V$  is called a supplement of  $U$  in  $M$ .  $M$  is called a supplemented module if every submodule of  $M$  has a supplement in  $M$ . Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $U, V \leq M$ . If  $M = U + V$  and  $M = U + T$  with  $T \leq V$  implies that  $T = V$ , or equivalently,  $M = U + V$  and  $U \cap V \ll_g V$ , then  $V$  is called a g-supplement of  $U$  in  $M$ .  $M$  is called g-supplemented

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if every submodule of  $M$  has a  $g$ -supplement in  $M$ . Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $U \leq M$ . If for every  $V \leq M$  such that  $M = U + V$ ,  $U$  has a  $g$ -supplement  $V'$  with  $V' \leq V$ , we say  $U$  has ample  $g$ -supplements in  $M$ . If every submodule of  $M$  has ample  $g$ -supplements in  $M$ , then  $M$  is called an amply  $g$ -supplemented module.  $SocM$  indicates the socle of  $M$  (the sum of all simple submodules of  $M$ ).

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $M = U + V$  and  $M = U \cap V + T$ . Then  $M = U + V \cap T = V + U \cap T$ .*

*Proof.* See [4, Lemma 1.24].

## 2. The $\beta_g^*$ Relation

**Definition 1.** *We define the relation ' $\beta_g^*$ ' on the set of submodules of an  $R$ -module  $M$  by  $X\beta_g^*Y$  if and only if  $Y + K = M$  for every  $K \trianglelefteq M$  such that  $X + K = M$  and  $X + T = M$  for every  $T \trianglelefteq M$  such that  $Y + T = M$ .*

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $X, Y \leq M$ . If  $X\beta_g^*Y$ , then  $X\beta_g^*Y$ .*

*Proof.* Clear from definitions. (See [2]).

**Lemma 2.** *The  $\beta_g^*$  relation is an equivalence relation.*

*Proof.* The reflective and symmetric properties are clear. For transitive property, assume  $X\beta_g^*Y$  and  $Y\beta_g^*Z$ . Let  $K \trianglelefteq M$  and  $X + K = M$ . Since  $X\beta_g^*Y$ , then  $Y + K = M$ , and since  $Y\beta_g^*Z$ , then  $Z + K = M$ . Let  $T \trianglelefteq M$  and  $Z + T = M$ . Since  $Y\beta_g^*Z$ , then  $Y + T = M$ , and since  $X\beta_g^*Y$ , then  $X + T = M$ . Hence  $X\beta_g^*Z$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $X, Y \leq M$ . The following statements are equivalent.*

(i)  $X\beta_g^*Y$ .

(ii) *For every  $T \trianglelefteq M$  such that  $X + Y + T = M$ ,  $X + T = M$  and  $Y + T = M$ .*

*Proof.* (i)  $\implies$  (ii) Let  $T \trianglelefteq M$  and  $X + Y + T = M$ . Since  $T \trianglelefteq M$ , then  $Y + T \trianglelefteq M$  and  $X + T \trianglelefteq M$ . Then by  $X\beta_g^*Y$ ,  $M = X + Y + T = X + X + T = X + T$  and  $M = X + Y + T = Y + Y + T = Y + T$ .

(ii)  $\implies$  (i) Let  $K \trianglelefteq M$  and  $X + K = M$ . Then  $X + Y + K = M$  and by hypothesis,  $Y + K = M$ . Similarly we prove that for every  $T \trianglelefteq M$  such that  $Y + T = M$ ,  $X + T = M$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $X, Y \leq M$ . If  $X\beta_g^*Y$ , then  $\frac{X+Y}{X} \ll_g \frac{M}{X}$  and  $\frac{X+Y}{Y} \ll_g \frac{M}{Y}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\frac{X+Y}{X} + \frac{T}{X} = \frac{M}{X}$  for  $\frac{T}{X} \trianglelefteq \frac{M}{X}$ . Clearly, we can see that  $T \trianglelefteq M$ . Since  $\frac{X+Y}{X} + \frac{T}{X} = \frac{M}{X}$ , then  $\frac{M}{X} = \frac{X+Y}{X} + \frac{T}{X} = \frac{Y+T}{X}$  and  $Y + T = M$ . Then by  $X\beta_g^*Y$ ,  $X + T = M$ , and since  $X \leq T$ ,  $T = M$ . Hence  $\frac{X+Y}{X} \ll_g \frac{M}{X}$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $\frac{X+Y}{Y} \ll_g \frac{M}{Y}$ .

**Remark 1.** *The converse of the Proposition 2 is not true in general. For example, consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  ${}_{\mathbb{Z}}\mathbb{Z}$  and let  $p$  and  $q$  be primes with  $p \neq q$ . Since  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\mathbb{Z}_p}$  and  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\mathbb{Z}_q}$  are simple,  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{p+\mathbb{Z}q}}{\mathbb{Z}_p} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\mathbb{Z}_p} \ll_g \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\mathbb{Z}_p}$  and  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{p+\mathbb{Z}q}}{\mathbb{Z}_q} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\mathbb{Z}_q} \ll_g \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\mathbb{Z}_q}$ . But  $\mathbb{Z}_p\beta_g^*\mathbb{Z}_q$  is not true.*

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $X, Y \leq M$  such that  $X \leq Y + A$  and  $Y \leq X + B$ , where  $A, B \ll_g M$ . Then  $X\beta_g^*Y$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $T \trianglelefteq M$  and  $X+Y+T = M$ . Then  $(Y + A)+Y+T = M$  and  $A+Y+T = M$ . Since  $T \trianglelefteq M$ , then  $Y + T \trianglelefteq M$ . Then, by  $A \ll_g M$ ,  $Y + T = M$ . Similarly, we can see that  $X + T = M$ .

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $X \leq M$ .  $X \ll_g M$  if and only if  $X\beta_g^*0$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\implies$ ) Let  $X \ll_g M$  and let  $X + 0 + T = X + T = M$  for  $T \trianglelefteq M$ . Since  $X \ll_g M$  and  $X + T = M$ , then  $0 + T = T = M$ . Then, by Lemma 3  $X\beta_g^*0$ .

( $\impliedby$ ) Let  $X\beta_g^*0$ . Let  $X + T = M$  for  $T \trianglelefteq M$ . Since  $X\beta_g^*0$ , then  $T = 0 + T = M$ . Hence  $X \ll_g M$ .

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $X, Y \leq M$  and  $X\beta_g^*Y$ . If  $X \ll_g M$ , then  $Y \ll_g M$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $X \ll_g M$ , then by Lemma 4,  $X\beta_g^*0$ , and since  $X\beta_g^*Y$ , then by Lemma 2,  $Y\beta_g^*0$ . Then, by Lemma 4,  $Y \ll_g M$ .

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is generalized hollow if and only if  $X\beta_g^*0$  for every proper submodule  $X$  of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 4.

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then  $M$  is generalized hollow if and only if  $X\beta_g^*Y$  for every proper submodules  $X, Y$  of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 4.

**Remark 2.** *Let  $M$  be a nonzero semisimple  $R$ -module. Since  $M$  have no proper essential submodules,  $M \ll_g M$  and by Lemma 4,  $M\beta_g^*0$ . But  $M\beta_g^*0$  is not true.*

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Then  $\text{Soc}M\beta_g^*0$ .*

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2 \leq M$  such that  $X_1\beta_g^*Y_1$  and  $X_2\beta_g^*Y_2$ . Then  $(X_1 + X_2)\beta_g^*(Y_1 + Y_2)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $X_1 + X_2 + K = M$  for  $K \trianglelefteq M$ . Since  $K \trianglelefteq M$ , then  $X_2 + K \trianglelefteq M$ . Then, by  $X_1\beta_g^*Y_1$ ,  $Y_1 + X_2 + K = M$ . Since  $K \trianglelefteq M$ , then  $Y_1 + K \trianglelefteq M$ . Then, by  $X_2\beta_g^*Y_2$ ,  $Y_1 + Y_2 + K = M$ . Similarly, we can see that  $X_1 + X_2 + T = M$  for every  $T \trianglelefteq M$  such that  $Y_1 + Y_2 + T = M$ .

**Corollary 5.** *Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \leq M$  and  $X_i\beta_g^*Y_i$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then  $X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n\beta_g^*Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n$ .*

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 5.

**Corollary 6.** *Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, Y \leq M$  and  $X_i \beta_g^* Y$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then  $X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n \beta_g^* Y$ .*

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 5.

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be an  $R$ -module epimorphism and  $X, Y \leq M$ . If  $X \beta_g^* Y$ , then  $f(X) \beta_g^* f(Y)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f(X) + f(Y) + T = N$  for  $T \trianglelefteq N$ . Then  $X + Y + f^{-1}(T) = M$ . Since  $T \trianglelefteq N$ , then we can see that  $f^{-1}(T) \trianglelefteq M$ . Then, by Lemma 3,  $X + f^{-1}(T) = M$  and  $Y + f^{-1}(T) = M$ . Since  $X + f^{-1}(T) = M$  and  $Y + f^{-1}(T) = M$ , then  $f(X) + T = N$  and  $f(Y) + T = N$ . Hence, by Lemma 3,  $f(X) \beta_g^* f(Y)$ .

**Corollary 7.** *Let  $X, Y, Z \leq M$ . If  $X \beta_g^* Y$ , then  $\frac{X+Z}{Z} \beta_g^* \frac{Y+Z}{Z}$ .*

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 6.

**Corollary 8.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module,  $A$  be a direct summand of  $M$  and  $X, Y \leq A$ . If  $X \beta_g^* Y$  in  $M$ , then  $X \beta_g^* Y$  in  $A$  also holds.*

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 6.

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $X, Y \leq M$ . If  $X \beta_g^* Y$  and  $Y$  is an essential maximal submodule of  $M$ , then  $X \leq Y$ .*

*Proof.* Assume  $X \not\leq Y$ . Then, because  $Y$  is an essential maximal submodule of  $M$ ,  $X + Y = M$  and since  $X \beta_g^* Y$ ,  $Y = Y + Y = M$ . This contradicts maximality of  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module and  $U, V \leq M$ . If  $U + V = M$  and  $U \cap V \ll_g M$ , then  $V$  is called a weak  $g$ -supplement of  $U$  in  $M$ . If every submodule of  $M$  has a weak  $g$ -supplement in  $M$ , then  $M$  is called a weakly  $g$ -supplemented module. (See [8])*

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $X \beta_g^* Y$  in  $M$ .*

(i) *If  $X$  has an essential  $g$ -supplement  $V$  in  $M$ , then  $V$  is also a  $g$ -supplement of  $Y$  in  $M$ .*

(ii) *If  $X$  has an essential weak  $g$ -supplement  $V$  in  $M$ , then  $V$  is also a weak  $g$ -supplement of  $Y$  in  $M$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Since  $M = X + V$  and  $V \trianglelefteq M$ , then by  $X \beta_g^* Y$ ,  $Y + V = M$ . Let  $M = Y + T$  with  $T \trianglelefteq V$ . Since  $T \trianglelefteq V$  and  $V \trianglelefteq M$ , then we can see that  $T \trianglelefteq M$ . Then by  $X \beta_g^* Y$ ,  $X + T = M$ . Since  $X + T = M$  and  $T \trianglelefteq V$ , then  $T = V$ . Hence  $V$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $Y$  in  $M$ .

(ii) Since  $M = X + V$  and  $V \trianglelefteq M$ , then by  $X \beta_g^* Y$ ,  $Y + V = M$ . Let  $Y \cap V + T = M$  with  $T \trianglelefteq M$ . Since  $M = Y + V$  and  $M = Y \cap V + T$ , then by Lemma 1,  $M = Y + V \cap T$ .

Since  $V \trianglelefteq M$  and  $T \trianglelefteq M$ , then  $V \cap T \trianglelefteq M$ . Then by  $X\beta_g^*Y$ ,  $X + V \cap T = M$ . Since  $M = V + T$  and  $M = X + V \cap T$ , then by Lemma 1,  $X \cap V + T = M$ . Because  $X \cap V + T = M$  and  $T \trianglelefteq M$  and  $X \cap V \ll_g M$ , then  $T = M$ . Hence  $Y \cap V \ll_g M$  and  $V$  is a weak g-supplement of  $Y$  in  $M$ .

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $M$  be an amply g-supplemented module and  $X, Y \leq M$ . If g-supplements of  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $M$  is the same, then  $X\beta_g^*Y$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $X + K = M$  with  $K \trianglelefteq M$ . Since  $M$  is amply g-supplemented, there exists a g-supplement  $K'$  of  $X$  with  $K' \leq K$ . By hypothesis,  $K'$  is a g-supplement of  $Y$  in  $M$ . Then  $Y + K' = M$  and since  $K' \leq K$ ,  $Y + K = M$ . Similarly, we can see that  $X + T = M$  for every  $T \trianglelefteq M$  such that  $Y + T = M$ .

**Proposition 6.** *Let  $M$  be weakly g-supplemented module and  $X, Y \leq M$ . If weak g-supplements of  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $M$  is the same, then  $X\beta_g^*Y$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $X + K = M$  with  $K \trianglelefteq M$ . Since  $M$  is weakly g-supplemented, by [8, Proposition 1] there exists a weak g-supplement  $K'$  of  $X$  with  $K' \leq K$ . By hypothesis,  $K'$  is a weak g-supplement of  $Y$  in  $M$ . Then  $Y + K' = M$  and since  $K' \leq K$ ,  $Y + K = M$ . Similarly, we can see that  $X + T = M$  for every  $T \trianglelefteq M$  such that  $Y + T = M$ .

**Proposition 7.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module,  $X \leq Y \leq M$  and  $C$  be an essential weak g-supplement of  $X$  in  $M$ . If  $X\beta_g^*Y$ , then  $Y \cap C \ll_g M$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $X\beta_g^*Y$  and  $C$  is an essential weak g-supplement of  $X$  in  $M$ , then by Proposition 4,  $C$  is also a weak g-supplement of  $Y$  in  $M$ . Hence  $Y \cap C \ll_g M$ .

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module,  $X \leq Y \leq M$  and  $C$  be a weak g-supplement of  $X$  in  $M$ . If  $Y \cap C \ll_g M$ , then  $X\beta_g^*Y$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $Y + T = M$  with  $T \trianglelefteq M$ . Since  $C$  is a weak g-supplement of  $X$  in  $M$ ,  $C + X = M$ . Since  $X \leq Y$ , by Modular Law,  $Y = Y \cap M = Y \cap (C + X) = Y \cap C + X$ . Then  $M = Y + T = Y \cap C + X + T$  and since  $Y \cap C \ll_g M$  and  $X + T \trianglelefteq M$ ,  $X + T = M$ . If  $X + K = M$  with  $K \trianglelefteq M$ ,  $Y + K = M$  also holds since  $X \leq Y$ . Hence  $X\beta_g^*Y$ .

**Proposition 8.** *Let  $M = M_1 \oplus M_2$  and  $M_1 \leq X \leq M$ . If  $X \cap M_2 \ll_g M$ , then  $X\beta_g^*M_1$ .*

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 7.

**Proposition 9.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. If every submodule of  $M$  equivalent to an essential weak g-supplement in  $M$  by  $\beta_g^*$  relation, then  $M$  is weakly g-supplemented.*

*Proof.* Let  $X \leq M$ . By hypothesis, there exists an essential weak g-supplement  $V$  in  $M$  such that  $X\beta_g^*V$ . Let  $V$  be a weak g-supplement of  $U$  in  $M$ . By hypothesis, there exists an essential weak g-supplement  $Y$  in  $M$  such that  $U\beta_g^*Y$ . Since  $V$  is an essential weak g-supplement of  $U$  in  $M$ , by Proposition 4,  $V$  is a weak g-supplement of  $Y$  in  $M$ . Then  $Y$  is an essential weak g-supplement of  $V$  in  $M$  and since  $X\beta_g^*V$ , by Proposition 4,  $Y$  is a weak g-supplement of  $X$  in  $M$ . Hence  $M$  is weakly g-supplemented.

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